

Mary Jo K. Baas
Madison, Wisconsin

Mary Jo Baas served as chair of the Wisconsin Women's Council until May of 2003. A member since 1992, Baas was appointed by Governor Tommy G. Thompson then made chair by Governor Scott McCallum. Baas worked in the state capitol as an aide, then as senior analyst for the Republican Assembly Caucus. She then moved on to the private sector as Director of Government Affairs for the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce. Baas also worked with numerous local, state and federal political campaigns. She twice served as the Wisconsin Chair of the Forbes for President campaign. She was active in many organizations such as the Association of Environmentally Responsible Businesses, the Wauwatosa Taxpayers Council, the Milwaukee Public Affairs Council, the Shared Services Delivery Council, the Greater Milwaukee Toxics Minimization Task Force, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Friends of Calvary Cemetery.

Baas is currently at home with her three young children: Abigail, Rebekah and Lydia. She is the Wisconsin representative for Americans for Tax Reform and is very active at Geneva Campus Church and in the Elvehjem neighborhood. Her political consulting work includes political analysis, written commentary, appearances on the Sunday Insight with Charlie Sykes and Belling & Co. shows and local campaign assistance.

Baas has received awards such as the Milwaukee Business Journal's Forty Under Forty award, UW-Milwaukee's GOLD (Graduate of the Last Decade) award and several fellowships from the Institute for Humane Studies in Washington, D.C.